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SUBJ: ACAPULCO HILTON HOTEL

REF: A. MEXICO 4141

B. MCBRIDE-ARMSTRONG MEMCON, NOV. 6, 1973

1. TAKEOVER OF ACAPULCO HILTON WAS CONSIDERED AT LENGTH AT NOVEMBER 6 MEETING OF CIEP INTER-AGENCY EXPROPRIATIONS GROUP. GROUP DECIDED THAT FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH HILTON MANAGEMENT, EMBASSY MEXICO CITY SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF FACTS AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL IN GOM, THEREBY MAKING OUR CONCERN KNOWN.

2. ACCORDINGLY, GROUP STAFF DIRECTOR CALLED SIDNEY WILLNER, VICE PRESIDENT OF HILTON INTERNATIONAL, TO ASK IF SUCH ACTION ON PART OF EMBASSY WOULD IN ANY WAY PREJUDICE HILTON'S OWN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN REDRESS. WILLNER REPLIED THAT ON CONTRARY, HILTON SAW CONSIDERABLE USEFULNESS IN PROCEEDING IN THIS WAY.

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3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE THIS APPROACH, MAKING
CLEAR THAT WE HAVE SO FAR HEARD ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE STORY,
WHICH, AS STATED, MIGHT POSE A PROBLEM FOR MEXICAN-
AMERICAN RELATIONSHIPS, AND ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION.
PLEASE REPORT GOM REPLY, STATUS AND YOUR ASSESSMENT OF
HILTON'S EFFORTS IN MEXICAN COURTS, AND YOUR RECOMMENDA-
TIONS AS TO WHAT FURTHER STEPS USG MIGHT APPROPRIATELY
TAKE TO ASSIST THIS AMERICAN INVESTOR. RUSH

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